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August 8, 2005

Sara Tavlin 1119 Polk Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Subject: Tree Removal Permit - 1115 Polk Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

File No.: 2005-0717

Dear Sara Taylin:

The Department of Community Development has reviewed your application for a Tree Removal Permit for the male canary palm tree located in the rear yard at the above address and has **denied** your request. In order to grant a tree removal permit, at least one of the following findings is necessary: (1) the tree is not healthy, (2) it represents a potential hazard, or (3) it restricts the use of your property or your neighbor's use of their property. Based on an examination of the subject tree, none of these findings can be made. The subject tree appears to be healthy and there is no immediate cause for removal. The City Arborist notes that the existing wooden planter could be replaced with a terraced planter to add dimension to the landscaping in the yard.

The Sunnyvale Tree Preservation Ordinance was adopted to protect the diversity of trees in Sunnyvale. Trees are a valuable asset to the community in terms of aesthetics, protection of habitat, and enhancement of economic value of property and may be removed only under the circumstances noted above.

You may appeal this decision to the Planning Commission by filing a written appeal within fifteen calendar days of the receipt of this notice. There is a \$110.00 filing fee for the appeal.

If you have questions on tree maintenance, you may consult with the City Arborist, Steve Sukke, at (408) 730-7505. If you have any questions regarding this permit, please contact me at (408) 730-7431. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ryan/Kulchenig Assistant Planner